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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Science
and TechnologySUBJECT:

Proposal

1. The idea of setting up parallel operations to introduce new technologies while ongoing operations continue is not bad by itself, recognizing the inherent drawback of the cost in resources that would be incurred. Hiring a contractor to manage the exercise and using as the locus for it also give rise to some concern since neither would be near the places where the real analysis and production go on.

2. But the real problem in my view is that the idea is at least a year or two late in view of the large efforts being made both in the production and the R&D components in quantitative analysis--among the principal areas noted in the last paragraph of the proposal. Perhaps it would be useful to suggest that an example of the proposed operation be worked out in sufficient detail to permit a better evaluation of its worth.

3. Lastly, the idea might be more suitable for the DOD intelligence operation with its presumed centralization in DIA than in CIA with its decentralized operation.

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